

REMARKS

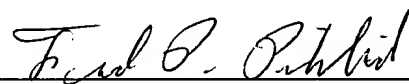
The present communication follows the Notice of Allowance mailed July 7, 2004 for the above-identified application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for Allowance of the claims and for extending the courtesy of a telephonic interview regarding this submission on August 18, 2004.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of claims as set forth above. The language "and a pair of end bracket portions, with each of the end bracket portions" was inadvertently omitted from claim 17 under the subheading "a)" in the set of claims submitted with the Office Action response on May 14, 2004. This language was in the claim as originally presented and allowed. This language was only omitted through inadvertence of the Applicant in transcribing the claims. No amendment was intended in the omission, and no change in the claims as allowed by the Examiner without amendment is sought.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Amendment under 37 CFR §1.312. If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be materially advanced by a telephonic interview, the undersigned would welcome a call at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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